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## GET FAMILIAR WITH THESE.

As there will be a large number of Presidential Electors on the ballot at the election in November it behooves Democrats to become familiar with the Bryan electors, which are as follows:

## For Presidential Electors:

H. P. BAILEY.  
P. W. BUTLER.  
ROBT. E. DAVIS.  
GEO. C. MARTIN.  
SAMUEL PASCO.

Paste this list in your hat, so that when you are asked who the Democratic electors are you may be prepared to give the desired information.

Get your children ready for school, so as to enter them on the first day.

From every section of the county comes the information that the Sea Island cotton crop will be short at least one-third. The grower who holds his cotton this year ought to get even in the way of price for what he lacks in the size of his crop.

Rev. S. B. Rogers' protest in this issue of The Sun against the use of a certain text book in State examinations of teachers is timely, and will meet the approval of the public. The use of such a text book certainly must have been an oversight, and its further use should not be tolerated.

The Brooksville Argus opposes the proposed constitutional amendment providing for the levying of a tax of one mill for the maintenance of the higher educational institutions on the ground that it desires a new constitution, not an amended one. As the editor of The Argus favors the proposed tax, we fail to see the pith of his argument.

The Tampa Tribune unwittingly caused Hon. Bob McNamee to again be placed in the limelight. The editor of a Spanish paper made aspersions upon the doughty Bob which he was unaware of until The Tribune printed a translation of the article, whereupon Col. Bob went to the Spaniard's office and gave him a thorough thrashing. The Spaniard should sue The Tribune for damages.

Champ Clark, Democratic leader in the next Congress, is well known in Gainesville, where he delivered a lecture last year at the Chautauqua, being the guest of his kinsman, Congressman Frank Clark, of this city. The two Clarks are great personal friends and the Congressman from the second district of Florida will lose none of his prestige in the House through the leadership of the gentleman from Missouri.

Tom Lawson, the greatest living fakir, now predicts Taft's election by an immense majority. In view of Lawson's past predictions, such as wagers at great odds that Roosevelt would be renominated and elected, that certain stocks would advance to certain prices, etc., etc., his latest prediction that Taft will be elected is sufficient to excite cold chills to creep down the spinal chord of the most enthusiastic Republican.

## "THE FLORIDA"

A late New York special says that it is likely that the present month will witness the laying of the keel of the Florida, the biggest and most powerful of the vessels of Uncle Sam's navy. The 20,000-ton leviathan of the seas will be constructed at the Brooklyn navy yard, and when completed will be the monarch of the United States navy, and the equal in fighting power and tonnage of any other ship afloat.

The contract to build the Florida was given to the local yard after one of the greatest campaigns was waged to force the Navy Department to let the workers of the Brooklyn navy yard build her. Boards of trade, Congressmen, Senators and everyone that could exert authority with the Washington officials were fighting night and day to get the battleship built here.

The argument of the experts in Washington was that private builders could construct a warship or any other kind of vessel cheaper and quicker than Government workers. At the time that all this was going on the collier Vestal was started at the navy yard. From Naval Constructor Baxter down to the humblest apprentice the feeling was rampant that the only thing to be done to have the ship built here was to show good results in the Vestal.

Now that the giant collier is finished and all records for quick and cheap construction are broken, the men at the navy yard are waiting with interest for the keel of the Florida to be laid. Although the building of a battleship is a greater task than the construction of a collier, the workers at the navy yard have no fear that they will not make as good a record on the Florida as they did on the Vestal, for they have also built the battleship Connecticut, now the pride of the navy.

The new fighting monster is so much larger than the Connecticut, the ways on which the latter was built will have to be lengthened a hundred feet. To do this, part of a storehouse will have to be razed, as there is not room for the extension on the landside. After the building is razed, and the ways lengthened, they will be undermined, so that the railroad of the navy yard can pass beneath them.

Another interesting feature of the building of the new battleship is the fact that a new monster cantilever crane will be erected, so the steel and other material will be hauled to the workers nearly twice as fast as they were while the Vestal was being built. The crane is now in the course of construction, and will be ready soon after the Florida is started.

## WE'RE WILLING, BRO. JORDAN.

Senator McCreary, in his excellent paper, The Gainesville Sun, severely and righteously denounces the Legislature for refusing to perform their sworn constitutional duty to make a reapportionment of legislative representation, and says that there is no remedy "unless the power of the supreme court can be invoked." That is just what The Herald advised in 1906—that the attorney-general sue out a writ of mandamus from the supreme court commanding the Legislature to make the reapportionment as required by the constitution, and, on the neglect of the members to obey the command, that each and every one of them be arrested and committed to jail until they do make the reapportionment.—Punta Gorda Herald.

The editor of The Sun would gladly be one of the martyrs if thereby he would be instrumental in forcing the other members of the Legislature to do justice to Alachua and other counties which are entitled to additional representation. What say the members from some of the other counties which are being robbed of their just representation?

Now and then you see a poor old worn-out mule or horse, sometimes a cripple, being worked to a wagon, hardly able to pull the vehicle, yet there is no one to interfere in behalf of the poor dumb and suffering beast in Orlando.—Orlando Sentinel. The same situation exists in Gainesville and Alachua county, and it is indeed strange that some humanitarian does not organize a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Who will take the initiative in this work in Gainesville? The poor dumb animals may not be able to thank you themselves, but you will do a noble work for which you will be rewarded in the hereafter.

## APPEALS AND TECHNICALITIES.

The American Bar Association which met at Seattle received from one of its special committees a report which asks for legislation that will prevent the courts of appeal from deciding either civil or criminal litigation brought before them on purely technical points. These cases, says the report, should be decided upon their merits. This committee was appointed by the association at its annual meeting last year to suggest remedies and draft proposed laws to prevent delay and unnecessary cost in litigation. The report called attention to the fact that the tendency of the courts in common law cases is to construe adherence to strict legal rules as the right of each party, and to reverse if there has been any infraction of these rules. "This makes the trial of a case a game," declared the committee, "in which the one wins who plays the most skillfully, the merits of the controversy having no part." The unrestricted right to a writ of error in criminal cases is characterized by the committee as a flagrant abuse in judicial procedure.

"These writs," the committee said, "are constantly sued out solely for delay. The punishment of notorious criminals thus is constantly being postponed in violation of every principle of justice. This is especially flagrant in the suing out of writs of error from the supreme court of the United States to review the decision of highest courts of criminal jurisdiction in the several States. We recommend that no writ of error returnable in criminal cases to the supreme court of the United States should be allowed unless justice as that court shall certify there is probable cause to believe that the defendant was unjustly convicted."

The committee declares that the reforms in civil procedure which it recommends are not theoretical, but have been tried and adopted in England to the satisfaction of the bar and the benefit of litigants. "So far as reform in criminal procedure is concerned," says the report, "the grievance of which we complain has never existed in England, but the statutory provisions there are similar to those recommended by us."

## THE BRYAN CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Sun's Bryan and Kern fund continues to grow, the latest list being sent in by Dr. H. L. Montgomery, county committeeman from the Micanopy district. Subscriptions will be received by The Sun until further notice, notice having been sent us to this effect from Democratic headquarters in Chicago. Dr. Montgomery's list is as follows, which we trust some other member of the county committee will at least duplicate:

J. D. Watkins .....	\$2.50
H. L. Montgomery .....	2.50
W. A. McGuff .....	1.00
H. L. Merry .....	1.00
W. D. Bobbitt .....	1.00
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S. R. Chitty .....	1.00
E. C. Chitty .....	1.00
S. G. Gay .....	1.00
	\$12.00

Let everyone help the cause with at least a dollar. You will not miss the amount, and will "have your name written there" as doing what you could to wrest the government from the Plutocrats. This is a people's fight, and the people must contribute the sinews of war if they expect to win the great battle.

H. C. Sparkman, who has for some years past published The Wauchula Telegram, DeSoto county, has sold his subscription list to The Wauchula Advocate and will move his printing plant to Perry, Taylor county, where he has purchased the good will of The Perry Herald, which plant was recently destroyed by fire, and will move his plant to the latter place. The people of Taylor county can congratulate themselves upon Editor Pound being succeeded by such an able journalist as Mr. Sparkman.

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## SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK SYSTEM.

The proposed introduction of the school savings bank system in Pensacola schools through the efforts of the School Improvement Association is another step forward in the good work this organization has been accredited with since it was formed last winter.

The school savings bank system will find many, many advocates, and few, if any, objectors, when the plan is fully understood by the public. The writer witnessed the institution of the system in the schools of a large city, and the results were amazingly satisfactory. The system was introduced in that city five or six years ago. About a year ago the writer had occasion to investigate its growth. An investigation showed that out of an enrollment of thousands of children, only about two and one-half per cent had failed to take advantage of the opportunity to save a portion of their weekly allowance.

One instance was cited where a lad in the fifth grade (there are but seven grades in ward schools) had begun to save when the system was first inaugurated. At that time his people were in comfortable circumstances and he was given a liberal allowance. He saved the greater part of it. At the time of entering his third year in high school, through reverses, it was thought he could not continue. The savings of the years previous came to his assistance, and this, together with the sums he earned by working after school hours, enabled him to continue and finish high school.

This is but one illustration of the practical side of the school savings bank. The greater benefit, however, lies in the lesson, practically taught, to save. If a child aged ten years is given ten cents a week for spending money and is taught to save one cent of it, then that child will probably save a tenth of his income in later life.

It should not, however, be compulsory, for if a child, before its understanding is matured, be given a certain sum and then be compelled to put aside a portion of it, he learns to believe that he has not been fairly treated. Let him be taught the earning power of idle money, by the accumulation of interest, and see with his own eyes the benefits of money saved and he will profit by it largely.

The school savings bank proposed by the School Improvement Association deserves the hearty support of every person interested in children, and The Journal hopes that it will be carried to a successful culmination.—Pensacola Journal.

David Bennett Hill and Dick Croker will both return from Europe and battle for the election of Bryan. When these former enemies of the great Nebraskan take up the cudgel for him it is time for all others to do likewise. The party is now united, and victory seems assured.

## THE STATE CONVICTS

The Ocala Star has the following say regarding the farm hospital maintained in that county for the lessees of the State convicts, & Co.:

"We took a run with Dr. Blum of the Marion Farm Hospital this morning and found its inmates, twenty in number, doing well. Those are able to work are assist the farm and helping Mr. Hewman, to make hay, of which has baled 250 bales with more to follow. There are six patients in hospital, able to be about, but unable to do any hard work. One is under the doctor's care, a negro preacher, a Methodist, suffering greatly with sore eyes; a negro suffering with rheumatism; a white man, who was sent for shooting Mr. Polk near Micanopy several years ago, who is suffering from a broken leg received in a camp; another, a Mr. Riley, who is in trouble and bad whiskey, in with the gang of three men blew open the safe of the Green Springs Bank this coming two years. They got \$1,700 and got away eight miles from the hospital when they were overtaken and captured, one of the gang. Being shot in the back and head, which paralysis ensued and made speechless. The other white of the hospital is one they call because of his years and hails from Tampa. His term of service is shortly. All of these prisoners had words of commendation for the camps they had been in. So much was all they had a right to expect; that if convicts did their duty and obeyed the rules of the camps were not harshly or unfairly treated. The grounds and interior of the hospital are kept in a perfect sanitation and Captain Miller knows his duties and performs in a considerate and kindly manner. We cannot see how the State convicts could be more fairly treated."

The registration books of county which have been open at the court house since the first of August will now be open two each week in each precinct county until October 6th. Every son who is entitled to register who desires to vote in the November election, should register and pay poll tax. Some are registered in county who are not registered in county, and we again notify them they must be registered in the county in order to vote at the coming election.

With the University School in session by the first of October, Gainesville will present a fine appearance.

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